

**SPECIAL MEETING OF
DIRECTORS OF BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Tuesday, June 13, 2006
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ONE TWIN PINES LANE**

CALL TO ORDER 8:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Lieberman, Dickenson, Feierbach, Warden, Mathewson

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim District Manager Cassingham, City Attorney Zafferano, Fire Chief Lowden, Finance Director Fil, District Secretary Cook

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 25, 2006 and Special Meeting of May 9, 2006

ACTION: On a motion by Director Feierbach, seconded by Director Warden, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Public Hearing - Adoption of FY 07 Budget

President Mathewson opened the Hearing.

ACTION: On a motion by Director Dickenson, seconded by Director Lieberman, the Public Hearing was unanimously continued to the Regular Meeting of the City Council, Public Hearing Item 5-B.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING:

ACTION: On motion by Director Feierbach, seconded by Director Lieberman, and approved unanimously by show of hands to adopt:

Resolution 2006-4 Belmont Fire Protection District FY 2007 Budget, and

ACTION: On motion by Director Dickenson, seconded by Director Warden, and approved unanimously by show of hands to adopt:

Resolution 2006-5 Establishing the Appropriation Limit for FY 2007 for the Belmont Fire Protection District

Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department

Interim District Manager Cassingham reported that the City of San Carlos had unanimously approved the new Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). She outlined the highlights of the changes from the current Agreement, and noted that major decisions of the department would now require approval by both cities.

In response to Director Warden, City Attorney Zafferano confirmed that if the proposed assessment does not pass, the unfunded liabilities and debt would continue to be owed.

Discussion ensued regarding clarification of specific wording in the Agreement.

Director Warden stated that he concurred with the change of wording in Section 8.3 from “shall” to “may”. He also expressed appreciation for San Carlos’s passage of the new JPA.

Director Feierbach also commented regarding San Carlos’s passage of the JPA.

ACTION: On a motion by Director Warden, seconded by Director Feierbach, Resolution 2006-3 Approving an Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department, including the word change in Section 8.3 (Bargaining) from “shall” to “may”, was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

President Mathewson thanked the Belmont fire board members for all their time involved on this issue.

Director Feierbach thanked the other Councilmembers and City Treasurer Violet for attending many of the South County Authority meetings relative to this issue.

Update from Fire Chief Lowden Regarding SouthCounty Fire Staffing

Fire Chief Lowden stated that this issue arose from recent brown-out issues at fire stations. He summarized staffing history, and noted that all seven firefighters laid off in 2003 had been gainfully employed by other agencies. Two of them will be returning to the South County Fire Authority. It is anticipated that all positions will be fully staffed by the beginning of August, so there may be an additional 4-6 weeks of overtime incurred in the meantime. He noted that the firefighters are committed to each station being fully staffed at the beginning of a shift, but the issue is one of last-minute illness or emergency.

Director Dickenson stated that it was helpful to receive this information and to know the long-term plan of action.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:30 P.M.

Terri Cook
District Secretary
Meeting audio-recorded and videotaped
Audio Recording 639
Minutes approved 7/25/2006